



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today!

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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May 15 & 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Parking In Front Of The Church

As we look out for all our Parish Family members, please do not park in front of the main entrance of the Church. In order to keep everyone safe, this area should be left as a drop off zone for people with mobility issues, emergency vehicles, the Smile van, etc.

Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Warren & Edgn Pacunagen

Ken & Josie Hesketh

New Adoration Schedule

You are invited to come spend some time with Jesus and pray for yourself, your Parish Family, our community and the whole world. The Church is open on the following days for Adoration and Personal Prayer:

Tuesdays - 9:30am until 6pm

Wednesdays - 9:30am until 5pm

Thursdays - 9:30am until 5pm

Fridays - 9:30am until 5pm



Wedding Anniversary Announcements

If you would like your anniversary announced in the bulletin and offered in the Prayers of the Faithful during the weekend Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office to supply your date. You are also invited to have your marriage blessed at a weekend Mass. Again, please let the Parish Office know before the weekend Holy Mass.



CWL Members and Supporters:

CWL 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now available for sale. Tickets are \$10 each with a maximum jackpot of \$5000. Draw date is October 5, 2021. E-transfers are accepted. To purchase a ticket contactless and for more information, email:

stjohnthebaptistcwl@gmail.com or call Sherry at 306-421-6371, Brenda at 306-421-1898 or Anita at 306-421-7538.



The CWL is planning another Prayer Drive around the city on Sunday May 30th at 2pm. Please contact Beckey Franke at b.coralea@hotmail.com or [306-461-9559](tel:306-461-9559) for more info or to sign up.



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

2021 Projected Expenses \$490,989.00

2021 Actual Collection Year to Date \$104,461.11

Month of April 2021

Monthly Collection Required \$33,740.00

March Sunday Collection \$24,800.60



Ethan Stenhouse

Tegan Mosley

Gordon Schwab

Potential Opportunity for Growth in Our Parish

You may be aware that the opportunity now exists for the purchase of the old St. John School, adjacent to the church at 1118 2nd Street. In 2017, St. John School was “traded” for the development of the new office/board room addition to the church and the future plan for the school was for it to be turned into a seniors’ housing development. This project was never completed and the school is now up for sale.

Our intention is to provide our parishioners the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions with regards to the potential acquisition and the future plan for this property.

Some preliminary ideas that we have come up with for possible uses of this space are:

1. Construction of a columbarium - storage of cremations urn
2. Development of a Bible study program and extend an invitation to surrounding parishes to participate.
3. Construction of a facility with a commercial kitchen and event space available for our parish and community to rent, possibly for wedding receptions, reunions, conferences, etc.
4. Create a space for CWL, The Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministries, Seniors groups, etc. to hold meetings, functions and social events.

Or demolish the existing school or part of the school for now with the potential to develop in the future.

A very short survey will be shared through email or paper copies are available at the church office.

We appreciate all your ideas, thoughts and especially your prayers during this information gathering and planning stage.

If you have questions please contact:

Kim Skjonsby: skjonsbys@sasktel.net

Sheldon Spilchuk: spilchukmeats@sasktel.net

Deadline to submit your survey is Monday, May 17.



Some saints are privileged, to extend to us, their patronage, with particular efficacy, in certain needs but not in others but our holy patron St. Joseph, has the power to assist us in all cases, in all necessity, in every undertaking.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

A Spiritual Act of Communion for those Self-Isolating

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, May 15	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, May 16	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, May 18	6:30pm Holy Mass †Lucien Lavessier
<i>St. John I</i>	7pm Baptism Celebration
Wednesday, May 19	9am Holy Mass †Peter Kurczaba
Thursday, May 20	9am Holy Mass †Ron Dukart
<i>St. Bernardine of Siena</i>	10am Parish Staff Meeting
Friday, May 21	9am Holy Mass †Jean Dukart
<i>St. Eugene de Mazenod</i> <i>St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions</i>	
Saturday, May 22	5pm Holy Mass
<i>St. Rita of Cascia</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, May 23	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass

Directives for Attending Holy Mass and Adoration

We are truly blessed that our Church is open and we are grateful for all of our Parish Family who are looking out for each other and abiding by the directives that are in place. Please remember:

- You must sign up to attend a weekday or weekend Holy Mass. Please call, text or email Connie at 306-634-2190, 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com.
- You must do the self-assessment before you arrive at the Church and have no symptoms of cough, cold, flu, or allergies. If you have any symptoms, even if they are mild, such as a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, please do not come to the Church. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- It is mandatory that you self-isolate for 14 days when you return from travelling internationally.
- Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be adhered to. Once you have been seated, please remain in your seat except to go to the washroom or to get a drink of water from the water cooler in the main entrance of the Church. **Also, please do not walk through the pews.**
- Please don't bring anything with you to Church. This includes a purse, bottles of waters, go cups of coffee, etc. One prayer book is allowed.
- If you have been exposed to someone with the virus, please do not come to Church for 14 days after the exposure.
- After the final blessing and dismissal at Holy Mass, please remain in your pew until our hospitality ministers can guide you to leave the Church while maintaining social distance.
- If you would like a copy of all the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

Your cooperation with all these items allows us to celebrate safely. Thank you!!

Homily Corner



Last weekend, as we celebrated the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we reflected on very familiar readings. The first reading was Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 98, the second reading was 1 John 4:7-10 and the Gospel reading was John 15:9-17.

The Catholic liturgy and liturgical calendar is so amazing. The Holy Catholic Church gives us the scripture in a beautiful order that invites us to follow Christ. The scriptures are also linked into groups or themes. If you know these links, your spiritual and prayer life will grow exponentially. These past three weeks, we have had the same theme with different images. Jesus has emphasized that he is the good shepherd and the true vine. In using these images, Jesus was telling us that we are meant to have an inseparable union with God, in intimate relationship with him. Today that theme is coming to a close and the apostle John is sharing Jesus' words about love. Last week, the word "abide" was in the Gospel eight times. This week, that word is carried through in the Gospel again. It is repeated because that word, that instruction from Jesus should be in us, in our relationship with God. Jesus even said, "If you don't abide in me, you can do nothing."

So, how do we abide in Christ? Jesus tells us when he says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Traditionally, we were taught as young children that we should not commit mortal sins. This is true. But we must also think about how we don't love. We judge people by keeping them away. We hate and we divide, even with our own families. Are you a thief? Probably not. Are you an adulterer? Probably not. Are you a murderer? Probably not. But have you judged someone? Do you love all of God's people? Do you cause division? Our world divides by judgment, by color, by size, by profession, etc. This is what is wrong with our world.

Jesus also says, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." Jesus is providing us with the tools to love one another and in that love, to experience complete joy. This is the power of "abiding". If Jesus abides in us and we abide in him, love, peace and joy will be balanced. We just need to love God and love others.

As we look forward to the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord next Sunday, let us pray that we begin to love and that we begin to unite. God is inviting us to be his sheep, his branches. May we transform into the image of God that we were created in.

God Bless!

—Father Antony